that were issued by them, from time to time, granting concessions, preferential treatment, etc., to overseas-returned men in the clerical and ministerial ranks of the service?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether any, and, if so, what steps are being taken by them to see that heads of departments adhere to the terms of those circulars?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Copies† of the circulars issued by the Government in the matter are laid on the table. The member is referred to the answer to question No.74.

(*b*) Government are not aware of any instance of heads of departments having ignored the circulars in regard to preferential treatment of overseas-returned men.

Assessment on Cherikkal Lands.

84. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade* cum *Devicolam*): Were not the rates of tax for the lands comprised in *cherikkal* settlement cases fixed by the settlement officers?

(*b*) Is not the tax assessed for *jenmam cherikkal* lands one-half of the tax fixed for *pandarapattam cherikkal* lands under the *Cherikkal* Settlement Rules?

(*c*) Has not tax at the rate of three fanams per acre, as assessed at the settlement, been realised since 1085 M. E. on lands comprised in Survey Nos. 194-1 C, 196-1 C, 197-1 B, 199-1, 201-1 B, 210-1 and 273-1 B of the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi*?

(*d*) Were not the lands comprised in Survey Nos. 189/1 B, 192/1, 225/1 and 225/2 of the Kanjirapalli *pakuthi* assessed at the settlement and were not rates of tax fixed for them?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The tax assessed for *jenmam cherikkals* is one-half of that for *pandaravagai cherikkals*.

(*c*) The rate of tax as per settlement is three fanams per acre for Survey Nos. 196/1 C 197/1 B, 199/1, 201/1 B, and 273/1 B, four fanams per acre for Survey No. 194/1 C, and two fanams per acre for Survey No. 210/1, and tax at these rates was being recovered till 1085. From 1085 the recovery of the tax was held in abeyance pending the decision of the civil suit filed against the Sirkar by the occupants of the lands.

(*d*) The answer is in the affirmative.

Enhancement of Tax on Cherikkal Lands.

85. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade* cum *Devicolam*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that steps are being taken by the revenue authorities to enhance the rates of tax fixed by the settlement authorities for the lands comprised in the survey numbers referred to in question No. 76?

† *Vide* appendix I—pages 731-737.

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[Mr. K. Dominic Tomman.]

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state under what rules such steps are taken?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the files connected with the survey numbers referred to in question No. 76 (*c*) and (*d*)—especially survey No. 273/1 B?

(*d*) If the Government do not propose to lay the papers on the table, will they at least call for them for their own perusal?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) The lands are being re-assessed under the *Cherikkal Rules* under which they were assessed at the settlement. Government have since decided in another connection that the *tharam* assessment fixed at the settlement should not be interfered with during the currency of the settlement.

(*c*) The answer is in the negative.

(*d*) Government have perused the papers.

Certain G. O.'s re. Cherikkal Lands.

86. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade cum Devicolam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to give a statement showing:—

(1) the survey numbers and extent of lands;

(2) the rate of tax per acre originally fixed by the settlement officers;

(3) the rate of tax now realised by the Revenue Department;

(4) the date from which the reduced tax is realised; and

(5) the year and number of the decree of the Kottayam District Court in pursuance of which such reduction of tax has been effected under the following Government Orders:—

(i) L. R. 8704, dated the 29th August, 1914;

(ii) L. R. 5687, dated the 22nd November, 1918;

(iii) L. R. 1365, dated the 4th March, 1916; and

(iv) L. R. 1646, dated the 29th March, 1917?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the Government Orders referred to above?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) A statement* furnishing the information required by the member is laid on the table.

(*b*) The Government Orders † referred to are laid on the table.

Competency of Revenue Authorities to enhance Tax on Cherikkal Lands.

87. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN (*Peermade cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the revenue authorities

* *Vide* appendix II A—page 738. † *Vide* appendix II B—pages 739-741.

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Appendix II A.

***Vide* Answer to Question No. 86.**

Statement showing the particulars relating to certain *cherikkal* lands in the Kanjirappalli *pakuthi*.

Survey.		Area.		Rate of tax per acre fixed in settlement.	Rate of tax per acre fixed by the Revenue Department.	The year from which the reduced tax is realised.	No. and date of the G. O. under which the reduction was ordered.		Year and No. of decree of Kottayam District Court.	
No.	Letter	Acres	Cents							
				Chs.	Chs.		No.	Date.	Year.	No.
1	1/B	98	77	12	6	1093	5687/L. R.	22nd November 1918	1086	111
67	1	...	62	12	6	Do.	Do.	Do.	1086	Do.
67	3	...	75	12	6	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
95	1	87	87	12	6	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
184	1/B	70	29	12	6	Do.	8704/L. R.	29th August 1914	Do.	137
185	1	24	69	12	6	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	143
186	1	28	35	12	6	Do.	5687/L. R.	22nd November 1918	Do.	125
188	1/B	42	6	12	6	Do.	8704/L. R.	29th August 1914	Do.	143
195	1	55	56	12	6	1092	1365/L. R.	4th March 1916	Do.	Do.
277	1	134	9	8	4	1093	5687/L. R.	22nd November 1918	1092	855
282	1/0-4	44	47	12	6	1092	1646/L. R.	20th March 1917	1088	44

Appendix II B.

***Vide* Answer to Question No 86.**

No. 8704/L. R.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 29th August 1914.

To

The Superintendent,
Devicolam Division.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 144 of 89/5624 dated the 20th Mithunam 1089, I have the honor to inform you that, as recommended, the Government sanction the sum of Rs. (29-10-4) twenty-nine, chs. ten and cash four, which represents half the *pandarapattom* assessment on Survey Nos. 184/1 B, 185/1, 188/1 B in Kanjirapalli *Pakuthi*, being permanently written off the *ayacut* accounts.

I have etc.,
R. KRISHNA PILLAI,
For Chief Secretary to Government.

No. 1365/L. R.

Huzur Cutcherry,
Trivandrum, 4th March 1916.

To

The Commissioner,
Devicolam.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 3310/Dis. No. 295 of 12, dated the 1st February 1916, I have the honour to inform you that, as recommended, Government sanction the sum of Rs. (23-22-12) twenty-three, chakrams twenty-two and cash twelve, the *ayacut* tax on lands comprised in Survey No. 195/1 in the Kanjirapalli *Pakuthi*, being written off the accounts.

I have etc.,
A. J. VIEYRA,
Chief Secretary to Government.

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APPENDIX II B—(*contd.*)

Statement for writing off tax in the Peermade Taluk for 1092.

Village.	Survey. No	Survey. Subdivision No.	Area. Acre.	Area. Cents.	Trees. No.	Trees. Description.	Amount to be written off. Rs.	Amount to be written off. Chs.	Amount to be written off. Ca.	Grounds for writing off.	Pattadar or lessee. No.	Pattadar or lessee. Name.	Recommendation by the Talsildar.	Recommendation by the Division Peishkar.	Order of Government.
1	2		3		4		5			6	7		8	9	10
Kanjirapalli.	282	1/4	44	47			19	1	10	Government have sanctioned this land being recognised as the Jenmom of the Kuvattazha Devaswom belonging to the Vaujipuzha Chief (Vide G. O. No. 5587 L. R. dated 4th September 1916 copy of which was communicated to this office in Division docket order No. 787-439-60 dated 14-9-16.) This area is therefore to be charged with one half of the pandarapattom assessment now. Hence the pandarapattom assessment has to be written off the accounts.	939	Chappanattattil Kunjuteyar Sankaran of Kuvattazhamuri.	No. 2736. 23-6-92. I beg to recommend that the whole pandarapattom assessment may be written off the accounts. 23-6-92. Deputy Tahsildar in charge.	No. 88-92-3921. Camp – Trivandrum 15/22-2-17. Recommended. S. C. H. ROBINSON. 15-2-17. Commissioner.	No. 1646-L. R. 1041-15. Huzur Cutcherry, 28th March, 17. Sanctioned. R. KRISHNA PILLAI, For Chief Secretary to Government.

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APPENDIX II B—(*concld.*)

Statement for writing off tax, in the Peermade Taluk for 1092.

Village.	Survey. No.	Survey. Subdivision No.	Area. Acre.	Area. Cents.	Trees. No.	Trees. Description.	Amount to be written off.	Rs.	ch.	c.	Grounds for writing off.	Pattadar or lessee. No.	Pattadar or lessee. Name.	Recommendation by the Tahsildar.	Recommendation by the Division Peishkar.	Order of Government.
1	2		3		4		5				6	7		8	9	10
Kanjirapalli.	95	1	87	87	..	..	Current	37	18	7	These lands were recorded in the settlement as pandara-pattom and full assessment charged thereon. The parties filed a civil suit against the settlement decision. The court decided in favour of the parties and declared the lands as of jenmom tenure. Hence the settlement tax has to be written off the accounts.	656 and 657	(1) Kallarakal Kunju Varki and others. (2) Kallarakal Mathai Jacob Kathanar.	No. 335-21-94. Dated 22-1-94. I recommend that the current and arrears of tax may be written off the accounts. The amount at the rate of half assessment will be levied and credited on the accounts from this year forward. K. GOVINDA MENON. Tahsildar.	No. 574. 17th September 18. Recommended. S. C. H. ROBINSON, 17-9-18. Commissioner.	No. 5687-L. R. 22nd November 1918. Sanctioned. R. KRISHNA PILLAI, For Chief Secretary to Government.
							Arrears	18	27	4						
	67	1		62	..	..	Current	..	7	7						
							Arrears	..	3	11						
	67	3		75	..	..	Current	..	9	..						
							Arrears	..	4	8						
	277	1	134	9	..	..	Current	38	8	12						
							Arrears	19	4	6						
	1/1	B	98	77	..	..	Current	42	9	4						
							Arrears	21	4	9						
	186	1	26	35	..	..	Current	11	8	3						
							Arrears	5	18	1						
							Current	130	5	1						
							Arrears	65	6	7						
							Grand Total	195	11	8						